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PROCESSING OF A COAL

FORMATION TO INCREASE PERMEABILITY/POROSITY

OF THE FORMATION

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Amendment

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Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2219, 2240, 5088, 5154, and 5193 without prejudice.

Listed below is a clean copy of new and amended claims. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is provided in an accompanying document.

(amended) A method of treating a coal formation in situ, comprising:



